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## New Location!

### Guyan River Public Library

Formerly the Branchland Branch,  
Guyan River moved to its new home in  
October of 2015.

Guyan River Public Library  
5320 McClellan Highway  
Branchland, WV 25506  
Phone: 304-824-4640  
[lincolncountypublib.wv.us](http://lincolncountypublib.wv.us)  
Linda Pritchard, *Library Director*  
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*a message from...*  
**the West Virginia  
Library Commission**

### **Message from the Secretary**

I am delighted that the six month Library Lookout hiatus is over. At the recent WVLA Annual Conference in Canaan Valley, I admitted that the Library Commission does not always do a good job of shining a spotlight on the many, many great things that are happening in West Virginia libraries. WVLC monitors library trends – local trends – state trends – national trends. Trends in academic – public – school libraries. It doesn't take X-ray vision to notice that the roles, capabilities and expectations of libraries are changing rapidly. At the same time, public investment in libraries is falling behind. This is due in large part because decision makers and funders do not understand how libraries uniquely contribute to society in the digital age. They fall for the "everything's on the Internet" scam. Lookout is one of the ways WVLC can demonstrate the value of libraries. Send us your pictures, your comments, your ideas. We want to hear from you.

Lookout also keeps everyone informed of important dates, continuing education and funding opportunities. We are experimenting with new templates and delivery methods so please be patient. [Pam McElvogue](#) is your contact for everything Lookout.

**Karen Goff**  
*WVLC Executive Secretary*



## NEW WVLC EMPLOYEES

**Jennifer Johnson**, Director of WVLC

Administrative Services

**Stan Howell**, E-Rate Services Coordinator

**Pam McElvogue**, Public Information Specialist

**Benjamin Miles**, Library Service Technician

(Television Services)

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

*[Click Here to Read More About the West Virginia Yearly Requirements for Directors & Staff](#)*



### Explora for Schools & Public Libraries

**Monday, November 9, 2015**

3 p.m. EDT (New York, GMT-05:00)

[Register >](#)

**Thursday, December 3, 2015**

2 p.m. EDT (New York, GMT-05:00)

[Register >](#)



<http://www.WebJunction.org>

Library staff must keep their skills current to face the evolving needs of library users, but managing staff training can be expensive, inconvenient, and difficult to get off the ground. To help libraries meet this challenge WVLC contracts with WebJunction to provide cost-effective training and staff development programs that are convenient to access. Live and archived webinars build skills, increase competencies, and answer questions. Recent Hot Courses include “Top 10 Skills for Teaching Tech to Patrons” and “Having Fun at Work Again”.

WebJunction recently launched [Share Your Story](#) to serve as a central repository of great library stories. The story can be a single line or many, a photo, a video, a quote. Add your stories and join the conversation.

All new learners will need to create an account. Begin by selecting “Log in” at the top right of the page, and then “Create new account”. Once you’ve confirmed your account through email, explore the catalog of library-focused self-paced courses and webinars. Certificates of completion will be available to you after you have completed any course or webinar that you enroll in from the catalog.

## Letters About Literature

**Entries Will Be Accepted Beginning**

**November 2, 2015.**

All entries must be postmarked with the following dates:

~ December 4, 2015 ~ Grades 9-12 (Level 3)

~ January 11, 2016 ~ Grades 7-8 (Level 2)

~ January 15, 2016 ~ Grades 4-6 (Level 1)

[Click Here to Download the  
ENTRY GUIDELINES & ENTRY COUPON »](#)



**WVLC Book Discussion Group**  
**JOIN and ADD to the DISCUSSION!**



**WVLC Book Discussion  
Group is for ALL Book  
Groups!**

~ Public Libraries  
~ Middle and High Schools  
~ Homeschoolers  
~ Universities  
~ Churches  
~ CEOs

***Just to name a few!***

The WVLC Book Discussion Group is a collection of books for patrons to check out and read as a group.

**STEPS to JOIN**

1. Person shows interest and asks library staff if they can form their own group
2. Approved by the library director, each group decides when and where to meet for discussions
3. Group picks a book from the WVLC BDG list to read; WVLC Library Development is contacted
4. Quantity of books is established and books are shipped to library
5. Once the group is finished reading the book, all books are returned and shipped back to WVLC

In 2014-2015, the WVLC BDG Collection shipped 38 titles per month and provided books for an average of 39 discussions a month. The collection has over 243 titles with each title having 10-15 copies. Contact Library Development Services for a list of books or for more information: 304-558-3978.

**The torch has been passed!** Susan Hayden, Adult Services Coordinator and organizer of the WVLC Book Discussion Group has retired! As the WVLC hires and transitions someone into the coordinator position, please contact Robert Gibson at 304-558-3978 for more information about the WVLC BDG.



**Your life's work has made a difference! Wishing you happiness and relaxation during retirement Susan Hayden!** We thank Susan for her years of service and appreciate all that she has done for West Virginia's libraries. A Huntington native and recipient of the 2013 Dora Ruth Parks Award, Susan Hayden is a longtime resident of Charleston. During her 16 years as Adult Services Consultant with the West Virginia Library Commission, Susan worked with public libraries to provide information on

social issues, resources for lifelong learning activities, opportunities for entertainment and recreation. Through work with the Library of Congress's West Virginia affiliate of the Center for the Book, Susan promoted the state's rich literary heritage. Susan encouraged strong community support of public libraries by creating collaborative partnerships. Before coming to WVLC, Susan worked in a variety of backgrounds including retail bookstores, public libraries, the University Press of Kentucky, and shared a family business

with her 5 siblings. Susan enjoys her 3 grandchildren, 2 daughters, and the company of friends. She time travels by reading historical fiction. Susan looks forward to spending more time with books, friends and family, and travels with her beloved dog, Faye.

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## West Virginia Library Association ~ Conference in Canaan



WVLC congratulates the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) on a great conference at Canaan; even the weather cooperated. Most of the WVLC presentations are posted on the WVLA website. Staff is still working on the notes from the Unconference session and will be sharing those soon. Best wishes to Emilee Seese and the WVLA Executive Board for 2016.



## *Time Management Apps*

*Presented at WVLA*

1. **ATracker:** Minimalist user interface and very easy to use, creates pie and bar charts for reporting and can easily be shared with others.
2. **Flat Tomato Pomodoro Timer:** Designed for both iPhone and iPad, a colorful and playful user interface with neat animations and sounds.
3. **Priority Matrix:** Record daily and weekly action items, track progress, set recurring tasks, organize with visuals such as icons and colors, simple and effective.
4. **Google Calendar:** Must have a google account to use, sync your google calendar and the default calendar on your phone together into one place.
5. **aTime Logger:** Track items with ease, review your activities day by day and see how your productivity improves, create goals and reach them, includes visual and list reports.
6. **Focus Zen:** Teaches your mind to focus, sink into a state of deep focus with this set of custom made concentration audios.



# TRUSTEE TIPS

This is a new regular feature for Lookout intended to provide information to those dedicated people who serve with no pay, little glory, and much responsibility – public library trustees. The following tip was shared with those attending the "Are We Legal?" session at WVLA.

As long as a trustee is operating within the lawful authority of the position a trustee will not be held personally liable for his/her actions. However, there is no way to prevent someone from individually instituting a suit against a trustee. The board can protect itself from legal defense costs by having Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance. D & O insurance is often confused with Errors and Omissions (E & O) insurance but they are not the same.

- D & O concerns the performance and duties of management and governance
- E & O concerns performance failures and negligence with respect to products and services

The ideal situation is to have both but if the library can only afford one, D & O is best for boards and board members.

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## West Virginia Book Festival

On October 23 and 24, nearly 5,000 people attended the 2015 West Virginia Book Festival which returned to Charleston after a two-year absence. Headlining authors included Neil Gaiman, Jodi Picoult, Homer Hickam, Jeff Shaara and Jacqueline Woodson. The Festival also included a memoir writing workshop by West Virginia authors Cat Pleska and Fran Simone, and a self-publishing workshop by Jane Friedman. More than 50 authors, publishers and other vendors filled the Festival Marketplace where they greeted fans, signed books and sold book-related items. The Children's Word Play area included activities for children, science kiosks from CoSi Museum, two performances by Bright Star Theatre, and a storybook costume parade led by Cinderella and Prince Charming. The Kanawha County Public Library



annual used book sale had thousands of books at great bargain prices. The event was free to the public thanks to the many sponsors who supported the Festival. Sponsors for 2015 were The Kanawha County Public Library, The Library Foundation of Kanawha County, The West Virginia Humanities Council, The Charleston Gazette-Mail, The West Virginia Library Commission, West Virginia Center for the Book, West Virginia Public Broadcasting, The Friends of The Library Foundation, The Martha Gaines and Russell Wehrle Memorial Foundation, and Atkinson and Polak.

**Terry Wooten**

*Marketing and Development Manager*

Kanawha County Public Library

**Photo:** WV Poet Laureate, Marc Harshman standing next to WV author, Anna Egan Smucker. Both have new books out, "Mountain Christmas" and "Brother Giovanni's Little Reward, How the Pretzel was Born".



State Library Services added BiblioBoard, a new digital resource, at the beginning of October! BiblioBoard provides access to thousands of primary source documents and videos for researchers of all ages. It also provides teaching modules to help teachers bring these resources to the classroom. You can access this resource by using your State Library Services Library card number.



Reach new heights of learning with Explora, an EBSCO Experience, through easy-to-use features and reliable content from the world's leading magazines and reference books. Coming in early October 2015, the free online resources offered by EBSCO's latest interface Explora provides easy-to-use features and reliable content from the world's leading magazines and reference books available on library, school and home computers and from mobile devices through WVInfoDepot.org.

*Explora training is offered in November and December (see "Continuing Education" section).*





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***We are pleased to announce that new resources have be added to LearningExpress Library!***

#### **New Practice Tests**

Two (2) full-length practice tests for each subject of the new PSAT/NMSQT\* test and two (2) complete practice tests for the redesigned ACT® Writing Test Essay have been added to the College Preparation Center. The Career Center will receive two (2) new full-length practice exams for the Praxis II®: Mathematics Content Knowledge (5161) test.

#### **New eBooks**

The eBook collection has been enhanced with EMT Exam: Power Practice, Middle School Geometry for the Common Core, Middle School Algebra for the Common Core, and a new edition of 1,001 Problems to Master Algebra.

#### **New School Center Resources**

More than twenty-five (25) new resources aligned to Common Core State Standards have been added to the School Center. They include math practice tests, tutorials, and eBooks.

#### **Job & Career Accelerator**

For libraries with Job & Career Accelerator as an add-on Center, there is a new College Finder tool in the guidance tab. Students can find their ideal list of schools based on a search of more than 3,600 institutions, using criteria such as location, type of school, selectivity, majors, cost, enrollment, and more.

#### **MARC Records**

MARC records are available to help your patrons easily discover LearningExpress resources! Download and update your custom MARC records today. New files will be available in mid-October. Access them through the “Librarian Resources” link on your LearningExpress Library homepage, or call Susan Hayden 304-558-3978 or Michelle Kubiak 304-558-2045.

#### **Coming Soon!**

New resources will be available in 2016 for the PCAT® and the new 2016 SAT\* test. Tutorials to match the new 2016 HiSET® and TASC test specifications will also be added.

*To request bookmarks, posters and informational fliers, please contact Library Development at 304-558-3978.*

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The Putnam County Library will waive fines on returned overdue materials with the donation of non-perishable food items at all 5 Putnam County Library locations during the week of November 15-21.

The non-perishable food donations will be distributed to local Putnam County food banks.

For more details follow the Putnam County Library on Facebook and Twitter. Also visit us online [Putnam.lib.wv.us](http://Putnam.lib.wv.us). Or call the Main Library at 304-757-7307, or any of the branch libraries of Putnam County: Buffalo 304-937-3538; Eleanor: 304-586-4295; Hurricane: 304-562-6711; Poca: 304-755-3241

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## **Mark Your Calendar!**



**Native American Heritage Month:** Period of time to celebrate American Indian and Alaska Native cultures, traditions and their contributions.

**National Novel Writing Month:** Cross off "Write a Novel" from your bucket list! This creative writing challenge is for anyone who ever thought about writing a novel. Visit: <http://nanowrimo.org/> for more information.

**Picture Book Month:** The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will celebrate the picture book during the month of November as a partner of the third annual Picture Book Month.



**November 15-21: WV Family Reading Week:**

During this week, community libraries encourage parents to read aloud to their children.

**Thursday, November 19: WV Read to Me Day:**

Schools and libraries will be hosting their own activities to promote reading.

**Saturday, November 21, 2015: National Gaming Day @ Your Library:** Share games and activities of all sorts this day – video games, board games and puzzles to name a few.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015: Veterans**

**Day:** A national day of observation commemorating American veterans and victims of all wars. WVLC will be closed.

**Thursday, November 26, 2015: Thanksgiving**

**Day:** North American family holiday celebrating a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. WVLC will be closed Nov. 26-27.

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015: National**

**Book Awards Ceremony:** The National Book Award Winners will be announced at a gala dinner and ceremony in New York. For more information on the Awards and a list of this year's judges, visit [www.nationalbook.org](http://www.nationalbook.org). Find some of these award-winning books in your library in the near future!



WVLC has created an Institutional account with Clio (<http://www.theclio.com/web/>). Monica Brooks, Dean of Marshall University Libraries, demonstrated the site to a room full of rapt attendees at the WVLA conference. Clio is an exciting free interactive project launched by Marshall. The educational website and mobile application that guides the public to thousands of historical and cultural

sites throughout West Virginia and the United States. Clio's tagline is "History is All Around You."

Created by Marshall University Professor of History, Dr. David Trowbridge, the university librarians have partnered with him to link primary source materials to the Clio app to help promote special collections and the region. (The Clio Webpage home: <http://www.theclio.com/web/>)

<http://youtu.be/3ydzv9nY-Oo>

The Clio App is a “mobile historian” you can download to your smart device to search and/or obtain info via GPS about the historical events surrounding you at home or when you travel.

Download The Clio App today and discover how your place matters! Again, the app is free.

Anyone can use Clio but an account enables you to create and edit entries. The WVLC institutional account permits all libraries to create entries with a single password. Individual and Classroom accounts are also available. Browse the site – download the app – login.



To Login:

- Go to <http://theclio.com>
- Click on the green login box (top right hand corner)
- Select Institution login
  - **Find West Virginia Library Commission on the list**
  - **Enter the password: libs**

When creating a Clio entry you can (and should) include links to more information from reliable sources – such as websites operated by local libraries and historical societies. Many of Marshall's entries are pointing searchers to Marshall's Special Collection website and e-WV. The website includes a tutorial on creating entries at <http://theclio.com/web/howtcreate>.



On the library's behalf, Rik Rekowski, Director of the **Mary H. Weir Public Library** proudly accepted the WV Prevention First Award from the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities last month. Through a federal grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), this award recognizes individuals, organizations and communities that are making extraordinary efforts to provide outstanding services and opportunities that support youth, family, and community. ***Congratulations to Rik and the MHWPL!***

**Summersville Public Library** received two grants from the Nicholas County Community Foundation each for \$5,000. One is for the purchase of Non-Fiction Books. The second, earned in an event where a ticketed audience heard presentations from six Nicholas County organizations then voted on which three should get funded is for The Curiosity Collection at the Summersville Public Library. The Curiosity Shop will provide non-traditional items such as a go-pro camera, telescope, robotics kits, early literacy packs and much more. The collection is currently under development with the goal of an early January grand opening. <http://summersvillepubliclibrary.com/2015/10/16/the-curiosity-collection/>

**Craigsville Public Library** also received a \$5,000 book grant from the Nicholas County Community Foundation's Seelinger Family Foundation Fund. The NCCF exists to encourage local giving and development of permanent endowed funds to stimulate stronger, more vibrant communities throughout Nicholas County, now and forever. The Library will be using this grant to purchase new books for this coming year.

Effective Monday, November 30th, 2015, **Morgan Paul** (currently of Boone-Madison PL) will take over the directorship at Raleigh County Public Library.

**Amy Lilly**, current director and 2015 President of WVLA is moving back to Virginia. She will be missed!

**You're the Super Star!**

Have a story to tell or a photo to share?  
Click Here to Email Us!

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